

The news media is not like other industries. Quality of manufactured goods does not necessarily suffer if only one company manufactures them.

The news is a special product, it is the one of the few sources we in this democracy have for making informed decisions. When one company's holdings are expanded in a single region beyond current limits, as is ALREADY happening in violation of existing FCC regulations, it affects citizens' abilities to make decisions.

It is understood that in order to reduce the natural bias that emerges in reporting, one must consume multiple sources of information to broaden context and dilute opinion. If a company can own more than its share of media in a given region, this process is undermined.

Please maintain existing regulations regarding company ownership of regional media.

Thank you for taking the time to read this statement.

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